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SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR KING

REF: SECTO 01062

1. DURING COURSE OF DAY AND FOLLOWING AND SEPARATE
FROM MEETINGS BETWEEN SENATOR BAKER AND KING AND
PRIME MINISTER WAS ABLE TO DELIVER YOUR LETTER AND
ORAL MESSAGE AS INDICATED. BOTH ASKED ME TO CONVEY
THEIR THANKS TO YOU AND BOTH REMARKED THAT YOUR
ORAL MESSAGE PUT MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO IN SOMEWHAT
MORE DIFFERENT AND UNDERSTANDABLE LIGHT THAN THAT BEING

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2. KING IN PARTICULAR ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT HE DID NOT THINK HE HAD PUT ENOUGH STRESS ON THE POINT IN HIS MESSAGE ABOUT HELPING EGYPT WITH SOME MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE FELT THAT THIS STEP ON THE PART OF US MOST IMPORTANT IN INTRODUCING SOME REAL BALANCE INTO THE SITUATION AND INTO OUR POLICY. WE NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WHEN THE PRESENT TREND IN THE AREA TENDED TO INTRODUCE A GREATER ELEMENT OF POLARIZATION I.E. US/ISRAEL VS USSR/ARABS. I SAID THAT I HAD NO IDEA WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD HELP, BUT WOULD CERTAINLY CONVEY THE POINT TO YOU IMMEDIATELY. KING IN FACT REVERTED TO THIS QUESTION SEVERAL TIMES DURING OUR CONVERSATION MAY 19 AND IT WAS COVERED IN OUR CABLE AMMAN 3359. IT MAY WELL BE THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE ASKED HIM AGAIN TO MAKE THE POINT TO YOU. IT APPEARS INCONVEIVABLE THIS QUESTION WILL NOT BE A MAJOR SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO SADAT AT SALZBURG GIVEN THE CONCERN APPARENTLY EXPRESSED ABOUT IT HERE.
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